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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications & Energy
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, Massachusetts 02110

Re: D.T.E. 98-57, Phase III

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Enclosed please find the Verizon Telephone Companies' filing with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") to withdraw the Packet at Remote Terminal Service ("PARTS") tariff on November 22, 2002. The applicable tariff changes filed with the FCC on November 25, 2002, are also attached. As a result of this action, Verizon will not be presenting a direct case in connection with the investigation established by the FCC Wireline Competition Bureau in its *Order Designating Issues For Investigation*, dated November 18, 2002, in WC Docket No. 02-362.

Verizon withdrew the PARTS tariff because the approach the Bureau was pursuing may change substantially as a result of the ongoing broadband rulemaking proceedings, in which the FCC is considering deregulating such advanced services. In addition, Verizon has received no orders to date from the potential customer base (*i.e.*, competitive local exchange carriers) for PARTS.

Verizon remains committed to providing value-added services to competitive carriers, and remains open to entering into discussions, on an individual basis, with any carrier who is interested in reaching a commercially negotiated PARTS-like service offering, where suitable facilities exist.

Very truly yours,

Barbara Anne Sousa

Enclosures

cc: Jesse Reyes, Esquire, Hearing Officer (3)
Attached Service List